

TITLE 20 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
CHAPTER 5 PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS
PART 10 ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

20.5.10.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board.
[20.5.10.1 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 5.10.100, 8/15/03]

20.5.10.2 SCOPE: This part applies to owners and operators of storage tanks as provided in 20.5.1. NMAC.
[20.5.10.2 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 5.10.101, 8/15/03]

20.5.10.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This part is promulgated pursuant to the provisions of the Hazardous Waste Act, NMSA 1978, 74-4-1 through 74-4-14; the Ground Water Protection Act, NMSA 1978, 74-6B-1 through 74-6B-14; and the general provisions of the Environmental Improvement Act, NMSA 1978, 74-1-1 through 74-1-15.
[20.5.10.3 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 5.10.102, 8/15/03]

20.5.10.4 DURATION: Permanent.
[20.5.10.4 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 5.10.103, 8/15/03]

20.5.10.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: August 15, 2003, unless a later date is indicated in the bracketed history note at the end of a section.
[20.5.10.5 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 5.10.104, 8/15/03]

20.5.10.6 OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this part is to provide owners and operators a means of seeking review or reconsideration of decisions made by the department under 20.5 NMAC in regulating storage tank systems in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare and the environment of the state.
[20.5.10.6 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 5.10.105, 8/15/03]

20.5.10.7 DEFINITIONS: The definitions in 20.5.1 NMAC apply to this part.
[20.5.10.7 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 5.10.106, 8/15/03]

20.5.10.8 to 20.5.10.999 [RESERVED]

20.5.10.1000 INITIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

A. Except for appeals as provided for in 20.5.17 NMAC for compliance determinations and cost eligibility determinations, any owner or operator of a storage tank aggrieved by a decision made by the department pursuant to 20.5.1 through 20.5.16 NMAC may obtain review of the decision by either:

(1) Submitting to the department a written request for informal review pursuant to 20.5.10.1001 NMAC; or

(2) Submitting to the secretary or the secretary's designee a written request for review on written submittals pursuant to 20.5.10.1002 NMAC.

B. Any request for administrative review initiated pursuant to Subsection A of this section must be postmarked within 15 days of the date of the decision to be reviewed.

C. An owner or operator may request review on written submittals under 20.5.10.1002 NMAC without first requesting informal review under 20.5.10.1001 NMAC. If, however, an owner or operator first requests informal review under 20.5.10.1001 NMAC, the owner or operator thereafter may request review on written submittals under 20.5.10.1002 NMAC of the determination made by the department pursuant to Subsection D of 20.5.10.1001 NMAC, provided that the request for review on written submittals under 20.5.10.1002 NMAC is postmarked within 15 days of the date of the determination made by the department pursuant to Subsection D of 20.5.10.1001 NMAC.

D. Review under this part does not stay the decision being reviewed, unless otherwise ordered by the secretary or secretary's designee, nor does it apply to or affect the secretary's authority to issue compliance orders or otherwise seek enforcement of these regulations, 20.5 NMAC, under the provisions of the Hazardous Waste Act or the Ground Water Protection Act.

[20.5.10.1000 - Rp, 20 NMAC 5.10.1000, 8/15/03]

20.5.10.1001 INFORMAL REVIEW:

A. Every request for informal review by an owner or operator shall be in writing and shall specify the grounds upon which the owner or operator objects to the decision to be reviewed. Every request for informal review shall be submitted to the department by the deadline set out in Subsections B and C of 20.5.10.1000 NMAC.

B. The department shall afford prompt opportunity for an informal conference at which the owner or operator may present the owner's or operator's views on the issues raised in the request for review and offer any supporting documentation or testimony. The department shall notify the owner or operator of the time, date and place of the informal conference.

C. If the decision to be reviewed was based on an inspection or field test performed or witnessed by an employee of the department, the member of department staff conducting the review must be someone other than the employee who conducted or witnessed the inspection or test.

D. After considering all written and oral views presented, the department shall affirm, modify or reverse the original decision and shall furnish the owner or operator with a written notification of its determination. [20.5.10.1001 NMAC – Rp, 20 NMAC 5.10.1001, 8/15/03]

20.5.10.1002 REVIEW BY THE SECRETARY OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE ON WRITTEN SUBMITTALS:

A. Every request for review by the secretary or the secretary's designee on written submittals shall be in writing and shall specify the grounds upon which the owner or operator objects to the decision to be reviewed. The request shall be accompanied by any and all written materials and argument which the owner or operator wishes the secretary or the secretary's designee to consider upon review. The request and all written materials and argument shall be submitted to the secretary or the secretary's designee by the deadline set out in Subsections B and C of 20.5.10.1000 NMAC.

B. Within 15 days after the filing of the owner or operator's request for review and submittal of all the owner or operator's supporting material, department staff shall provide to the secretary or the secretary's designee any and all written materials and argument in support of the position of department staff on the issues raised by the owner or operator.

C. For good cause shown, the secretary or the secretary's designee may permit either party (that is, either department staff or the owner or operator) additional time in which to submit the supporting written materials and argument allowed by subsections A and B of this section. Any extension of time to submit written submittals shall not include the authority to extend the time to file a request for review under this part.

D. The action of the secretary or the secretary's designee on the request for review shall be based on the written materials and argument submitted pursuant to this section unless the secretary or the secretary's designee schedules a hearing on the request for review as set forth below.

E. The secretary or the secretary's designee may exercise discretion in determining if there is significant public interest for a public hearing and, if so, may provide notice of the time and place of the hearing to the owner and operator, and may provide notice to interested persons other than the owner or operator and provide for public participation in the review process described in this section, as the secretary or the secretary's designee deems appropriate.

F. If the secretary chooses to hold a hearing as described in Subsection E of this section, the secretary shall hold the hearing within 60 days after receiving the written materials and argument described in Subsection A or after receiving the request for a hearing, whichever occurs last. In the event the department holds a hearing, the cost of the court reporter and transcript shall be paid by the party that requested the hearing. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with 20.1.5 NMAC.

G. The action of the secretary or the secretary's designee on the request for review shall be by written order and shall state the decision and the reason therefor. The secretary or the secretary's designee shall send a copy of the order to the owner or operator and furnish a copy to department staff promptly after the order is entered. This written order shall be the department's final action on the request for review. Any judicial review of this final order shall be as provided by applicable law.

[20.5.10.1002 NMAC - Rp, 20 NMAC 5.10.1001 & 1002, 8/15/03]

History of 20.5.10 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the commission of public records - state records center and archives.

EIB/USTR-10, Underground Storage Tank Regulations - Part X - Administrative Review, filed 9/12/88.

EIB/USTR-10, Underground Storage Tank Regulations - Part X - Administrative Review, filed 8/4/89.

History of Repealed Material: 20 NMAC 5.10, Underground Storage Tanks, Administrative Review (filed 2/27/97), repealed 8/15/03.

Other History:

EIB/USTR-10, Underground Storage Tank Regulations - Part X - Administrative Review, filed 8/4/89, renumbered, reformatted and replaced by 20 NMAC 5.10, effective 11/5/95;

20 NMAC 5.10, Underground Storage Tanks, Administrative Review, filed 10/6/95 was replaced by 20 NMAC 5.10, Underground Storage Tanks, Administrative Review, effective 4/1/97;

20 NMAC 5.10, Underground Storage Tanks, Administrative Review, filed 2/27/97, was renumbered, reformatted and replaced by 20.5.10, NMAC, Petroleum Storage Tanks, Administrative Review, effective 8/15/03.